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NEXT BOARD MEETING

Date: Thursday, August 3

Time 8:00 P. M.

Place: Theatre of Sun Electric Corp.,
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PARADE TROPHIES AWARDED

Horse Show parade trophies were awarded Sunday, June 25, at Sequoia Arena. Winners not present will receive their awards by mail, according to Don Marquis, parade chairman.

Winners were: Alameda Co. Sheriff's Posse, M. H. A. Juniors, Skyline Ranch, Lari-ettes, Footprinters, Richmond Elks, Southern Alameda Co. Horsemen, Boots & Jeans, Concord-Mt. Diablo Trail Riders, Hayward Buckaroos, Wildwood Stables and Oakland Police Motorcycle Drill Team.

HORSE SHOW CROWD SAYS "GREAT DAY!"

Financial Success Depends Upon Early Return of Ticket Money

Despite the weather man's prediction, weather by Vogel prevailed both Saturday and Sunday, to make the 8th Annual Horse Show a roaring success for participants and spectators alike. New terraced seating arrangements provided by the Park Department and the Horse Show Committee took full advantage of the beauty of this unique arena.

While it was too early to make a prediction on the financial aspect, good ticket sales and more than 200 entries indicated a favorable report.

Saturday's Junior show opened with the presentation of the colors by the M.H.A. Junior Drill Team, and the singing of the national anthem by Past President Don Marquis.

Among the guests introduced were Pat Maginn, President of the San Francisco Police Commission, and William Penn Mott of the Oakland Park Commission.

Trophies in the various classes were presented by Deane Burton for the Lari-ettes; Heber James Brown for Metropolitan Horsemen's Association; Joe Stern; Don Marquis for William Penn Mott of the Oakland Park Commission; James A. Myers; Bud Vogel for Sun Electric Corporation; Mrs. Harold Cummings; John Thiel; Mrs. Louis Albert and Linda Patten.

The show came to a climax with the sensational performance of the M. H. A. Junior drill team, led by Captain Ward Gallo.

Winners in Junior Show

Children's Jumpers: (1) Long Timber, Corinne Smith; Janice Kenyon, owner. (2) Danny D., Sandra Logue; I. Kraemer, owner. (3) Highland Beauty, Trudy Potter. (4) Nipper, Janet Emerson.

Western Equitation, under 12: (1) Chip, Pat Rukavina. (2) entry of Walter Grondona. (3) Rabbit, Sandy Ballou. (4) Felice, Dave Krueckel; Mr. Farrell, owner. (5) Lady, Babe Scott.

Lead Line Class: (1) Lady Dot, Kristy Kraemer; I. Kraemer, owner. (2) entry of Patricia Fowler; J. J. Fowler, owner. (3) entry of Walter Grondona, Jr. (4) Micky, Billy Putnam; Mrs. Harry H. Putnam, owner. (5) Commando, Rebecca Ann Hatfield; Elizabeth A. Hatfield, owner.

Junior Show Winners (Continued)

Western Equitation, 12 to 17 years: (1) Bonnie H., Nancy Alden. (2) Hombre, Corinne Smith. (3) John Baker, Judy Rugh. (4) entry of Darleen Habernian. (5) Donna-C, Beverly Hutton; R. A. Hutton, owner.

English Equitation, Under 12: (1) Entry of Walleen Grondona. (2) Gay Don, Barbara Sweazea. (3) Tanbark King, Buck Hall; Mrs. Harry Putnam, owner. (4) Idiot's Delight, Pat Rukavina; Deane Burton, owner. (5) Laddie, Sue Hall; Buck Hall, owner.

Stock Horses: (1) Robbin, Duane Lockhart. (2) Bonanza, Barton Heller. (3) Misty Blue, George Wurzburg. (4) entry of Walleen Grondona. (5) Boots, Trudy Potter; Betsy Ross, owner.

Pleasure Horses, English: (1) Entry of Marleen Davis. (2) Diablo, Barbara Ishem; Mike Feliz, owner. (3) Pagliacci, Mary Ann Bonaccorsi. (4) Idiot's Delight, Pat Rukavina; Deane Burton, owner. (5) Highland Supreme, Janet Phillips.

Pleasure Horses, Western: (1) Hombre, Corinne Smith. (2) Bonnie H., Nancy Alden. (3) Bonanza, Barton Heller. (4) Entry of Walleen Grondona. (5) John Baker, Judy Rugh.

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IDIOT'S DELIGHT TAKES PAST PRESIDENT'S CUP

Sunday's show was honored by the presence of Mayor Cliff Rishell of Oakland, Fred Anderson, President, and Ed Zwierlein, Past President of the California State Horsemen's Ass'n. The show opened with the presentation of colors by the color guard of Alameda Co. Sheriff's Posse, followed by Don Marquis singing the national anthem.

The Boots & Jeans Square Dance Riders presented their new dance—a delight to watch, with the audience tapping in time with the horses.

Trophies in the various classes were presented by Mrs. Heber James Brown, former Mayor Joseph Smith for Mr. and Mrs. William W. Atkinson; Mrs. Martin Murray; Mrs. Floyd Jacobs for Aahmes Shrine Mounted Patrol; Johnny Curry for Wildwood Stables; Walter Grondona, Jr.; Kay Walling for Jones & Seifert; Duran Jones; Dr. J. A. Campbell; Walter Grondona; Miss Preston for Duchess, Inc.; George Daniels; and Miss Linda Patten.

The show closed with a death-defying performance by the M.H.A. Junior Drill Team, which left many a head snowy white.

Winners in Sunday's Show

Jumpers — open: (1) Idiot's Delight, Norma Burton; Deane Burton, owner. (The award: The Past President's trophy.) (2) Topper, Beverly Harris; (3) Long Timber, Janice Kenyon; J.T.K.M. Stables owner.

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Palominos: (1) Top Flight, Joe Shroyer; Mrs. Gerald Gray, owner. (2) Tony, Joe Griglia. (3) Magician's Magic, Inez Thompson. (4) Silver Queen, Jean Guilford. (5) Golden Caballo, Madelynne Myers.

Pintos: (1) Con Valley Twerp, Jerry Jacobs. (2) Princess Snip, Jack Simons. (3) Chief War Cloud, Louis A. Augustine. (4) Geronimo, Si Simons. (5) Chief, Florence Cosca.

Five-Gaited Horses: class cancelled.

Western Pleasure, Ladies: (1) Poppy, Florence Cosca. (2) Navajo, Ann Crowley; Ed Zwierlein, owner. (3) Rabbit, Tiny Black; Jim Black, Jr., owner. (4) Miss Cindy, Mrs. Walter Grondona. (5) Shortcake, Barbara J. Brown.

English Pleasure, Thoroughbred: (1) Long Timber, Janice Kenyon; J.T.K.M. Stable, owner. (2) Idiot's Delight, Deane Burton. (3) Danny D., I. R. Kraemer. (4) Jackpot, Ann Crowley; Ed Zwierlein, owner. (5) Mr. X., Harry H. Putnam, Jr.

Stock Horses, Open: (1) Waspy B., Walt Leatham. (2) Ace, Ed Caton; Walter Grondona, owner. (3) Rabbit, Jim Black. (4) Penny M., Al Martin. (5) White Fox, Ivan Myers.

English Pleasure, Saddlebred: (1) Kealoha, Joyce Jaeger. (2) Bengal Tiger, Janice Kenyon; Corinne Smith, owner. (3)

SPONSORS HELPED MAKE SHOW FINANCIAL TRIUMPH

Director Walter Grondona, finance chairman, announced the names of many who wished to sponsor the horse show, but who were not listed in the program:

Mrs. Ethel Campbell, Don Bentley, Andy's Drive-In, Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Gray, Typewriter Guy, Miss A. Jackson, H. D. Knudsen, Edward Martin, Earl Nanninga, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Chown, Harry Rosenberg, The Round-Up, Sunbeam Bread and West Coast Meat Co.

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Othello, Sally du Bray; William Bias, owner. (4) Autumn Glory, D. C. Duty; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Framton, owners. (5) Drum Major, Kay Osborne.

Western Pairs: (1) Geronimo and Pedro, Si Simons and Floyd Jacobs. (2) Spike and Pat, owned by Mr. Barnard of Utah. (3) Chuckaluck and Sonarin, Mr. and Mrs. A. Leonhardt. (4) Miss Cindy and Ace, owned by Mrs. Walter Grondona. (5) Chappo and Felix, Jane and George Lake.

Three-Gaited Horses: (1) Montrose of McDonald, Floyd McLeod; Peter Bercut, owner. (2) Rhythm, Bea McKechnie. (3) Sparkling Burgundy, Fred Egan; H. C. Maginn, owner. (4) Virginia's Pride, Frank H. Webben; Joe E. Young, owner.

Western Pleasure, Men: (1) Top Flight, Joe Shroyer; Mrs. Gerald Gray, owner. (2) Poppy, Stanley Cosca; Loretto Cosca, owner. (3) Lady, Julius Lepori. (4) Geronimo, Si Simons. (5) Arizona Bill, Ted McGimsey.

Family Class: (1) Walter Grondona family. (2) Simons family. (3) I. R. Kraemer family.

Pole Bending: (1) Smoky, James A. Myers. (2) Fellow, Louis Barrious. (3) Lady, P. A. Russell. (4) Shortcake, Barbara Brown. (5) Padre, Dow Putterbaugh; Mary Putterbaugh, owner.

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Regional Eliminations July 15 and 16

George Daniels Trail Ride Results

Following are the results of the George Daniels Trail Ride judged by Frank Colbourn, Jr., and Bev. Theobald, and the winners in the field events:

Western Trail Horse: (1) Margaret Rukavina, (2) Prent Monson, (3) Barbara Brown, (4) Jim Kegy. *English Trail Horse:* (1) Armetta Maxwell, (2) Osa Harper, (3) Tedda Beyler, (4) Mrs. Sidney Chown.

Quadrangle Stake Race: (1) Johnny Curry, (2) Butch Black, (3) Bucky Johnstone, (4) Hardy Wandesforde. *200 Yard Flat Saddle Race:* (1) Johnny Curry, (2) Carolyn Blanch, (3) Deon Stenzel. *200 Yard Western Race:* (1) Johnny Curry, (2) Bozo Welch, (3) P. Russell, (4) Keith Nichols. *Jumpers—not to Exceed 3' 6":* (1) Art Aguir, (2) Anne Burner, (3) Ed Hill, (4) Wilda Rosendahl. *Open Jumpers:* (1) John Thiel, (2) Muriel Radcliff, (3) Ed Hill.

Relay Teams: (1) Wildwood Team, (2) Cressmount Team, (3) M.H.A. Junior Team, (4) Bud Vogel's Team. *Walk Trot Run Race:* (1) Jackie Miller, (2) Marlene Smith, (3) Martin Skow. *Double Bareback Musical Tires:* (1) Roy Anderson

Written examinations for champion junior horseman from Region 5 for Palm Springs will be given Saturday, July 15 at 10:00 a. m., at the grounds of the Concord-Mt. Diablo Trail Ride Ass'n. in Concord.

On Sunday, July 16 at 10:00 a. m. the junior horsemanship eliminations will be held. On the same day, beginning at 1:00 p. m., State Horse Show representatives will be chosen in the following classes: stake race, senior drill team, junior drill team, relay race, team roping and calf roping. Bill Patten and Kent Corbett will represent M.H.A. in team roping; in calf roping it will be Bill Patten and a partner, and in the relay race, the M.H.A. Jrs.

There will be a pole bending event, although eliminations are not required.

Right after the show, there will be a big barbecue dinner to which all are invited. But get in your reservations: call George Walling at KELlog 4-9468. Just \$2.25.

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and Jim Black, Jr., (2) Louise Bowlby and Terry Olds, (3) Maxine Patterson and Joan Larsh.

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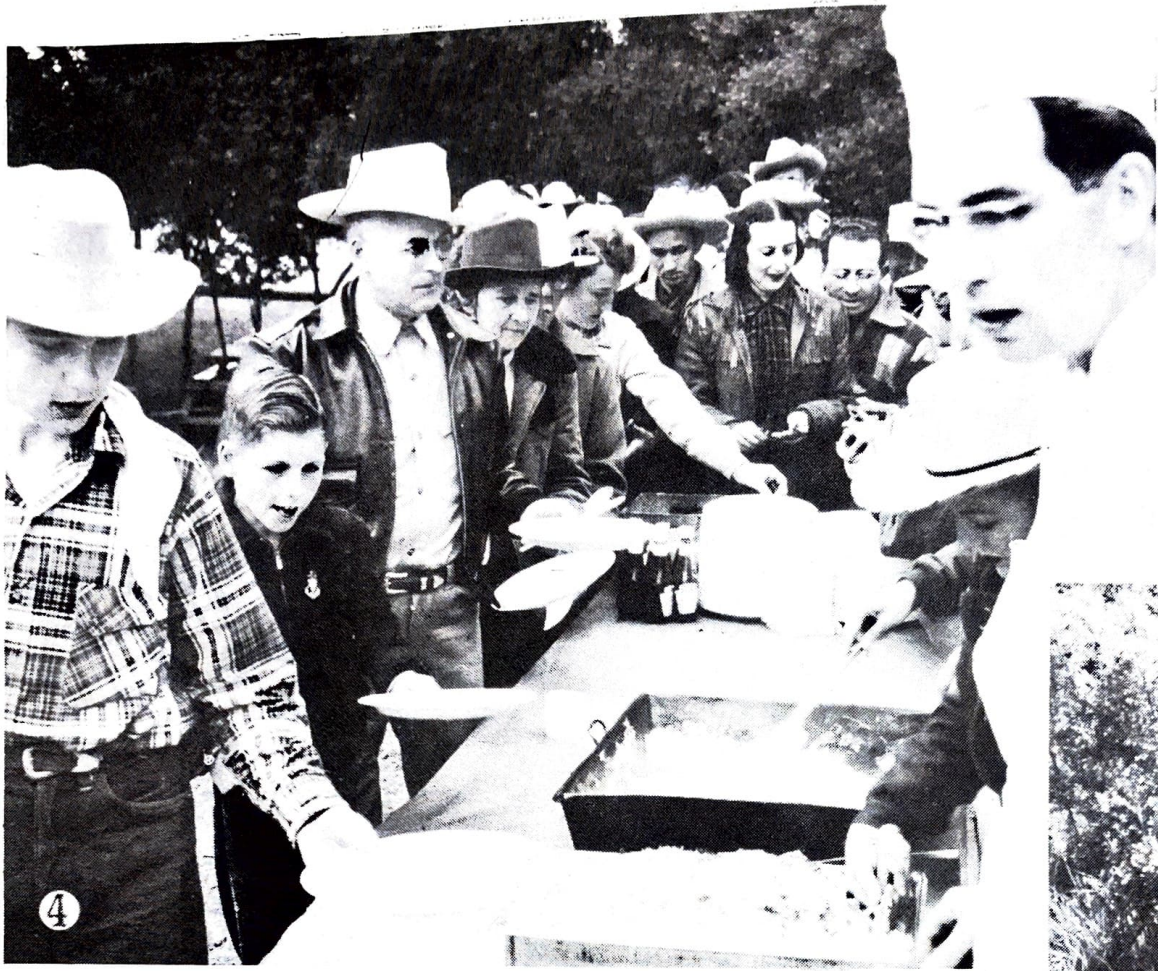
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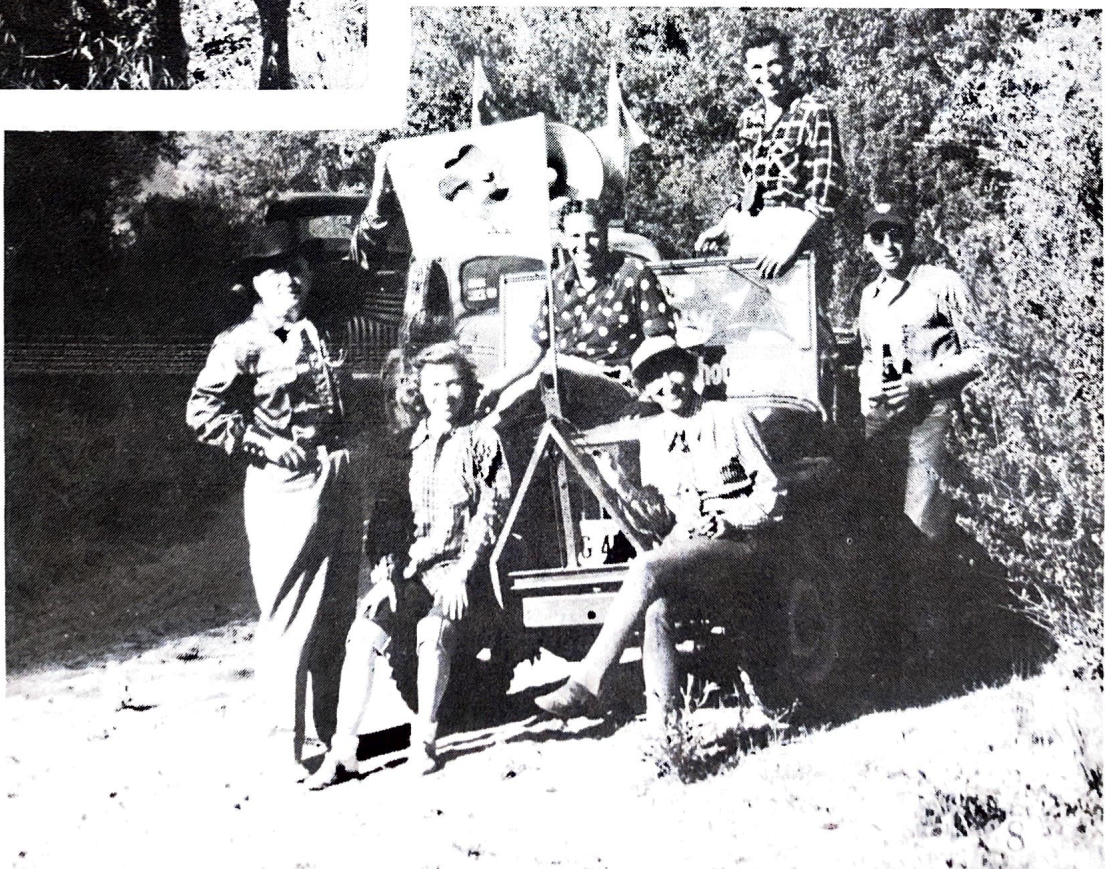
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5. Mabel Smith, Bonnie Hooper
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8. Camera crew rode the iron horse
9. Roger Farrar, Bob Hubbard
10. Madeline and Fred Anderson
11. Heber was everywhere
12. Ride began at the Crossroads
13. It was a beautiful trail
14. Joe Merritt, Dutch Cummings,
Bud and Vi, Don Marquis

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200 ATTEND JUNE OPEN MEETING

Pleasure took priority over business at the big June 2nd open meeting, at which some 200 members came to see the colored movies of the overnight trail ride. These were made by Martin Silva of the Oakland Camera Club. An additional feature: Barney Weisgerber's pictures of the Contra Costa Sheriff's Posse trip to Honolulu, with wonderful shots in color of Hawaii's flowers.

But let's report briefly on business, too: Blanche Paul acted as secretary, while Mary Gale vacationed on her father's boat (she was crew of the Seabiscuit). Mary does her stint for M.H.A. without salary: we suspect that her vacation job was similarly unremunerative, but a lot of fun.

Diane Lombardi, President of M.H.A. Juniors, reported on Junior activities in the absence of director Kay Walling. (See back page for details on the Horse Show and gymkhana of August 6 at the Harry Rowell Ranch.)

Bud Vogel, activities chairman, reported a final profit of \$700 on the Spring Dance; a tentative profit of about \$230 on the Overnight Ride; and a small profit on the sale of soft drinks on George Daniels Day—all thanks to host George Daniels.

Dave Jones, Trail Blazer director, reported the magazine paying its own way, with some \$135 ahead for the first five months—that is, when all outstanding advertising accounts are paid. (John Thiel, Advertising Manager, was absent on bus-

iness. Kay Jones, Editor, took a more-or-less modest bow.)

Horse Show Discussion:

Jerry Jacobs, Horse Show program chairman, named his committee: Mel Coe, Emmett Boger, Ted Sciacqua and Charles Gray. He asked that members read the ads in the program, and mention them when they shop—inasmuch as the support of the advertisers is vital to the success of the show.

James A. Myers, Walt Grondona, Bill Patten, Blanche Paul and Dave Jones reported on public relations, finance, outdoor advertising, publicity and grounds, with reference to the horse show.

Cathy Jacobs, Horse Show Secretary, was introduced, but felt that she could talk best by typewriter.

President Heber Brown introduced Lonnie McNally, Horse Show Manager, and stood by for fireworks (of which there turned out to be none — a major disappointment from a reporter's point of view.) Lonnie described his efforts to select classes that would have audience appeal and encourage a large attendance.

He announced that, due to the great interest in stock horses in this area, a class would be provided for them.

The meeting then adjourned to consume gallons of coffee and several carloads of assorted doughnuts and snails.

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And so it happened that Smoky took a blue ribbon in the heavyweight division of trail horses on the Sonoma trail ride of June 6 to 11. AND a trophy for pole bending at the M.H.A. Show.

Other M.H.A. members listed as attending the Sonoma Co. ride were Bev Theobald, who also took a blue ribbon, Heber James Brown, Bernard Allard, Tom Bacon, John Corvi, Ted Dreyer, John V. Manners, Ray Moffett, G. Howard Robinson, and Ray Theobald.

CHUCK WAGON BREAKFAST AND HORSE SHOW, SEPT. 17

Aahmes Shrine Mounted Patrol will hold its annual open horse show and Chuck Wagon Breakfast Sunday, Sept. 17 at its arena: Rancho San Antonio, 13,400 Skyline Blvd., Oakland. Breakfast: 11:00 a. m. Show begins 12:30 p. m. Entry blanks are available at the above address.



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Two Lari-ette social events are scheduled: July 22—Box Social at the Boys' Camp in Carey's Canyon. August 19—Dance at Norway Hall.

Blue ribbons were awarded to Lari-ette members in several recent shows: at Los Altos, to Ruby Welch for best-dressed cow-girl; at Woodland to Norma Burton on Monte Carlo, in the pleasure class; at Dixon, to Ruby Welch for best-dressed cow-girl; at Oakland Riding Academy, to Ruby Welch on Ribbon, in the pinto class. This same show brought a first to Geneva Menicucci on Black Cat in trails, and on Hi Heels in the palomino class. Margaret Rukavina on Taric was chosen best mount and rider on the Daniels Day ride.

At Novato, Norma Burton on O'Malley won the open jumpers class, and took the trail horse class on Elsa Himmelman's Monte Carlo, while Pat Rukavina on Chip took children's horsemanship, Margaret Rukavina was named best-dressed cow-girl, and Geneva Menicucci on Hi Heels won the western pleasure class.

JUNIOR CONTEST WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

June closed with Junior contestants in a rush to get in membership and trail donations by deadline time. Membership Chairman Harold Cummings and right hand man Bill Patten will announce the awards as soon as they've been double-checked, according to Cummings.

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Alternates are Lois Klass and Louis Barrious.

The Leonhardts took first place in matched pairs at the Oakland Riding Academy show on May 28, with their pintos, Lucky and Sun. The Nichols and Smiths have also done well this year in pairs classes.

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LOTS GOING ON AT THE PINTO

Calf roping enthusiasts this year include Gene Eurick, M.H.A. Junior, as well as Bill and Roger Seyrl.

Footprinters Mounted Unit drills every Sunday morning—and their drill is really worth watching.

Vern Chappell has been conditioning his horse for the coming trail rides, and Judy White has Shaver on the trails every day.

New boarders: Manuel Pontes' pinto pony, 27 inches high and a charmer; Mr. Ames with his handsome palomino gelding; Ruth Strap's bay gelding, Brandy; and Sargent Jorgenson, Grand President of I. F. A., with a horse formerly owned by Dude Martin.

JUNIORS TAKE TO RODEOS

Diane Lombardi won the cowgirls' race recently at the Livermore rodeo, on Johnny Curry's Comet L, while Gene Eurick won the kids' race. At King City on May 28, Bill Bernard placed fifth in steer riding.

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Louise Bowlby
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Dustin Dale
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